

W.A. Horse Council News

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BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE POLICE STABLES

A group of 30 from the WAHC attended a demonstration day at the WA Mounted Police in Maylands and were a representation of the WA horse community. Thanks to Senior Sergeant Glen Potter for arranging the tour and for making this an annual event. The section would like to have more horses and are looking for Percheron, Clydesdale or draft crosses, min height 15.3 hh that have trainability and boldness to join their existing 15 mounts. For more information contact glen.potter@police.wa.gov.au



Top left: Jo Longman, Treasurer WAHC and Jenny Neilson, Neilsons Winery Top right: Nicki Harwood (Brooks) Brookleigh Equestrian and Sandy Pate, Perth Region NRM. Above left: Bruce Scott, former Deputy Police Commissioner and previous WAHC President with Anna Sheehan, President of the Aust Trail Horse Riders Association and Jane Webb-Ware, Above Right: Chris Sharpe - former President of Equestrian Landcare Association - was left holding 'the bag'. Left: Don Chipper, RAS Ringmaster with Senior Sergeant Glen Potter.

Sophie Tedeschi (left) EWA and Quick Mail Print and Diane Bennit



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WA Horse Council Annual General Meeting attracted over 85 people to the Bunk House at Brookleigh Equestrian Estate in the Swan Valley.

The wine and cheese tasting could have been part of the attraction, as could the opportunity to meet others from the horse industry as there was an hour of socialising prior to the start of the AGM.

The AGM itself took all of about 15 min to return the previous enthusiastic committee and welcome Chris Wyhoon as a new committee member.

The speakers were well received...although everyone was disappointed that the accountant - who was going to discuss horses as a Business or Hobby - didn't make it.

Stuart Jones from the State Emergency Services (SES) gave an interesting talk on the role of SES in the community and how horse owners could get involved.

An extremely lively discussion on the new regulations by Dept Agriculture and Food (DAF) on requirements for all horse owners - even those who have a horse on agistment- to register and receive a Property Identification Code (PIC). Presenter Beth Green, Operations Manager, Livestock Biosecurity, did an excellent job of putting forward information on this concept and has indicated that she is more than willing to work with horse owners to tailor this to make it work for the horse industry.

CHANGES TO HORSE IDENTIFICATION IN WA

Beth Green from the Department of Agriculture and Food has advised that as a result of discussions with members of the recreational horse industry, the Registrar of Stock and Apiaries has successfully negotiated with the five national animal microchip databases to ensure that enough detail can be stored to satisfy the regulations and to have access should the Department need it for disease traceability.

This means that horses that do not belong to a breed society or equine association can now be micro chipped instead of branded and still meet the identification requirements of the law.

Details of the owner and horse must be uploaded to one of the databases listed - usually done by the vet implanting the microchip and in WA, microchips must be implanted by a vet.

Ownership details should be updated on the database when a horse is sold/changed hands.

Owners register as owners of livestock; individual horses do not have to be registered as the single owner registration allows each person to own as many livestock animals as they want..including animals of other species.

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from the committee of the WA Horse Council



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CULLING OF HORSES IN THE KIMBERLEYS

The Council sent a letter to the Minister, Peter Collier, prior to the culling of over 7000 brumbies in the Kimberleys asking if all other avenues available for the reduction of horses would be considered before aerial culling. The Council is not against the culling of animals, when it is a welfare issue, provided it is done humanely.

The news published in the West Australian on the 6th November stated that over 7000 horses had been shot and that their carcasses would be left on the three stations involved.

EWA SPECTACULAR PROMOTION

Supporting the State Equestrian Centre in their fund raising event - Milne Feeds Spectacular on the 7th Dec - the WAHC had a stand and Diane Bennit, Christina Slater and Janet Cameron organised a free raffle with wine and chocolate as prizes. They were queuing to sign up for their free ticket so there is now an extra 200 names and emails on the WAHC contact list. Everyone was appreciative of getting something for nothing. Well done ladies.

HEAVENLY HECTARES AND HEALTHY HORSES FIELD DAY

The free Field Day 'Turn Your Property into a Green Oasis' at Brookleigh Equestrian Estate in the Swan Valley attracted 32 people, which was a great result when this event had only been promoted for a couple of weeks. Chris Ferreira covered the topics of selection of the right grasses, managing grazing and manure, watering and fertilising wisely along with re-invigorating degraded pastures.

Dr Robert Humphries - the Manager of Sustainability Water Corporation attended and he and Chris Ferreira were very appreciative of the Council's efforts in promoting the event.

THOROUGHBRED R&D LEVY

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) today announced that 67.9% of voters were in favour of the Thoroughbred Research, Development & Extension levy. The strong yes vote means TBA will now prepare the required formal submission to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

If approved, the levy will be matched dollar for dollar by the Australian Government; this together with ongoing voluntary contributions from the Thoroughbred racing sector will provide a more secure Thoroughbred Research and Development (R&D) fund of around \$1 million per annum for investment in vital projects focused on delivering practical outcomes for the Thoroughbred and racing industries including the production of more commercial yearlings, improvement in reproductive techniques and the management of exotic diseases.

The proposal is for a charge of \$10 per mare covered per season and paid by the stallion owner, and a charge of \$10 per mare returned per season and paid by the broodmare owner. The planned operative date for the Levy is 1 August 2014.

GRANT RECEIVED

The WAHC was successful in their application for funding under the Perth Region NRM's Small Grants Program. The application fully demonstrated how capacity for natural resource management will be increased through the computer items purchased. know how we get around that problem.



Christina Slater (centre) WAHC at the Horse Council display at Karragullen Expo in October, which was a great success and created awareness of the work of the Council with many signing up for the newsletter. The Council thanks Sandy Pate of Perth Region NRM for donating space for the display in the pavilion which won the 'Best Overall Display at the Expo.'

KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE

The following 2013/14 committee was elected at the Annual General Meeting on August 22nd.

CHAIR PERSON: Diane Bennit was returned unamously to this position. Diane is a Director of the Australian Horse Industry Council and a member of the AHIC Industry Advisory Committee. Her involvement in the horse community includes RDA, announcer at shows, host of the 91.3 Talking Horses radio show, and a classifier with Connemaras and Warmbloods,

VICE CHAIR: Alan Parker - Historian and Author, Assistant Manager for Harness Racing RWWA - Legislation and Policy Portfolio

TREASURER: Jo Longman - Accountant - breeder of Connemaras - Treasury Portfolio.

SECRETARY: Marg Langan - Owner Gatooma Wholesale Saddlery - breeder - carriage driving coach and national judge. Marketing and Public Relations Portfolio.

PUBLICITY OFFICER: Sandy Hannan - Owner and editor of 'Hoofbeats' magazine.

Janet Cameron: Current member of the State Trails Reference Group and the WA Horse Trails Strategy Steering committee, also representing equestrian interests on the Perth Hills Trails Reference Panel. Has represented the WAHC on the Lotterywest Trails Grants Assessment Panel and the Top Trails Assessment Panel - Trails Portfolio.

Dr Kathy Klein: - Equine veterinarian and member of the UWA Animal Ethics committee-Equine Research/Horse Health Portfolio.

Nikki Harwood nee Brookes: Owner Brookleigh Equestrian Estate - Marketing and Public Relations.

Robert Hawes: Perth Royal Show Councillor, President Chittering Shire, Eventing involvement - Legislation and Policy Portfolio

Christina Slater: RDA coach, former Director Broadacres Riding School and NCAS 1 Coach - Membership & Horse Welfare Portfolio.

Chris Horvath: Telstra Business Resource Administrator - 10th Light Horse - Membership Portfolio.

Rebecca Thomas: Former Sergeant in the WA Mounted Police - EA Level 2 Coach and Coach Educator - Membership Portfolio.

Chris Wyhoon: Board Member Wheatbelt NRM and Agriculture Management Advisor - Environmental Landcare portfolio.

**TALKING
HORSES**

The Council's weekly radio program 'Talking Horses' is now entering its 6th year and is still the most downloaded program on 91.3 Sport FM. The program is broadcast weekly on Wednesday's between 6 and 7pm and is proving to be a very successful medium for raising awareness in the horse community, of relevant information, issues and upcoming events. If you have any information you would like broadcast, or specific people you would like interviewed. Or if you would like to be included on the Guest Presenter's list, contact bennit@inet.net.au or 9293 3577



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by Suzanne McGill

Kathy Klein operates WA's first wholly independent mobile equine veterinary service, treating horses in the Swan Valley and Ascot areas and serving many of Perth's prominent racing trainers and performance horse stables.

Arriving in Australia in 1985 after graduating from the University of California, Davis, USA, Kathy was the first overseas intern at Murdoch University Veterinary School, completing her Residency and lecturing in Equine Medicine and Surgery in 1990. She has been at the forefront of innovative diagnostic technology and rehabilitation in WA, providing leading-edge tools and treatments rarely offered by other WA practitioners, including Wireless Digital Radiography; Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy (EWST); Interleukin 1 Receptor Antagonist Protein (IRAP); Medical/Veterinary Thermography; Digital Ultrasonography; and AliveCor (online mobile ECG iphone application).

In 2013, Kathy imported a medical Thermography camera, which she is now using in conjunction with Dr Simone Vitali at Perth Zoo, and Australia's only Lameness Locator for her mobile practice and in teaching situations with Murdoch University's School of Veterinary Medicine. In addition to her veterinary contributions in Australia, Kathy has recently worked as a veterinary consultant at numerous polo events in China and is licensed as a veterinarian both in the US, Malaysia and Singapore where she continues to consult within the racing industry.

Kathy has been a member of the West Australian Horse Council Committee for 10 years, with her interests particularly focused on its Welfare and Research Portfolios. She began 2013 serving as a Category A veterinary member of the UWA Animal Ethics committee, which reviews and approves all medical, animal and wildlife research at the University of Western Australia.

Kathy's favourite quote for horses is

"a horse doesn't care how much you know, until it knows how much you care".



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